

Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) programs.

(5) Acquisition of commercial items/services—*see FAR 2.101*, including orders placed under FSS contracts meeting the definition of a commercial item/service, and not exceeding \$5.5 million [\$11 million for acquisitions as described in *FAR 13.500(e)*].

(6) Task orders or delivery orders of any dollar amount placed under—

(i) An IDIQ contract, other than a GWAC; or

(ii) A BPA, provided there is an approved acquisition planning document for the original action, and there is no significant deviation from that plan.

(7) Orders of any dollar amount placed under HHS-wide strategic sourcing vehicles.

(8) Contract/order modifications that—

(i) Exercise options;

(ii) Only provide additional funding; or

(iii) Make changes authorized by the Changes clause.

(9) Assisted acquisitions processed pursuant to an interagency agreement. However, the OPDIV must comply with the requirements specified in *317.5 Interagency Agreements* under the Economy Act and *317.70, Multi-agency and Intra-agency Contracts*.

(b) In urgent or other justifiable cases, such as an emergency acquisition—*see FAR Part 18*, the HCA may waive, in writing, the requirement for completion of an AP. An HCA shall not approve a waiver request based on the lack of advance planning.

(1) The Project Officer, the Project Officer's immediate supervisor, the head of the sponsoring program office, the Contracting Officer, and other signatories shall sign the waiver request in accordance with OPDIV policies. In OPDIVs where a CCO(s) is designated, as defined in *302.101*, the cognizant CCO also shall sign the waiver request.

(2) HHS has established a standard format for preparing an AP waiver request. The template for the waiver request is available on the ASFR/OGAPA/DA Internet Web site. Contracting activities shall use this format when requesting a waiver.

(3) The OPDIV shall provide ASFR/OGAPA/DA a copy of any approved

waiver request within 5 business days after HCA approval.

(c) For those acquisitions not requiring an AP, other than assisted acquisitions processed pursuant to an interagency agreement—*see 317.5 and 317.70*, the Project Officer shall provide an acquisition request document (e.g., memorandum, requisition, or other form of transmittal) to the CCO or designee, requesting completion of the required action. The request must include, as applicable: a SOW/PWS (including deliverables and reporting requirements); a certified funding document; source selection strategy and criteria; necessary clearances, approvals, and justifications (e.g., a JOFOC); a milestone schedule; and an independent Government cost estimate.) In addition, OPDIVs shall use the content requirements of the AP as a reference in determining what other information and documentation is necessary to support the intended acquisition. Alternatively, OPDIVs may prescribe use of an AP for acquisitions excepted under *307.7101(a)(1) through (a)(8)*.

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307.7102 Content.

In accordance with *307.105*, the *FAR*, HHSAR, and other Federal requirements that OPDIVs must consider in developing an AP, as well as its format, are stipulated in *307.7103*. An AP shall address each applicable element. As indicated in the instructions, elements that are not applicable to an individual acquisition shall be marked "N/A." The scope and depth of an AP may vary depending on the nature, complexity, and estimated cost of the proposed acquisition. As a result of new or revised *FAR* requirements or other Federal directives, the—

(a) HCA or designee may make any needed interim changes to the AP;

(b) HCA or designee shall notify ASFR/OGAPA/DA of the need to revise the AP; and

(c) ASFR/OGAPA/DA shall update the AP, which would supersede any interim HCA (or designee) changes made

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to the acquisition plan for future acquisitions.

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307.7103 Format.

(a) HHS has established a standard format for preparing an AP. The template for the AP is available on the ASFR/OGAPA/DA Internet Web site.

(b) OPDIVs may use the prescribed format without modification or use it as a guideline, as long as the format used by the OPDIV complies with the requirements specified in subparagraphs (c) and (d) below.

(c) An AP must consist of seven (7) parts with standard headings, as follows:

- Part I Transmittal and Approval Form.
- Part II Summary Sheet.
- Part III Project Considerations and Information.
- Part IV Clearance/Approval Checklist.
- Part V Acquisition Milestone Schedule.
- Part VI Independent Government Cost Estimate.
- Part VII Attachments.

(d) Within each of the seven parts, there are required components that an OPDIV cannot modify and specific areas where OPDIVs can make changes. The table in the *Requirements and Responsibilities* section of the AP cites the titles, paragraph/subparagraph headings, narrative, and other requirements that must appear in each part of an AP in the specified format, as well as permissible modifications.

307.7104 Review and certification.

Before the Project Officer transmits the AP to the CCO or designee—see 307.7105, the head of the sponsoring program office (typically a Division Director or equivalent), Project Officer, Funds Certification Official, Contracting Officer, and other signatories in accordance with OPDIV policies, shall review the AP and certify that it provides all required information in the prescribed format and the following:

Acquisition planning	Responsible organization/official	HHSAR reference
Make necessary interim changes to the AP and notify ASFR/OGAPA/DA of changes needed.	OPDIV HCA or designee	307.7102.

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(a) Vague and ambiguous language has been eliminated.

(b) A thorough technical review of the SOW/PWS has been completed.

(c) The project is structured by phases or tasks, as appropriate.

(d) Methods are available to assess the contractor's performance.

(e) The acquisition mechanism is appropriate—i.e., the principal purpose of the project is to acquire supplies or services for the direct benefit or use of the Government.

(f) The planned obligation of appropriated funds for the project satisfies a *bona fide* need of the requiring office arising in the fiscal year for which the appropriation was made.

307.7105 Transmittal.

The Project Officer shall convey the signed AP to the CCO or designee by providing a completed Part I—Transmittal and Approval Form, with other parts of the AP attached, no later than the date agreed to in the acquisition milestone schedule, unless the officials establish a different date by mutual agreement.

307.7106 Acquisition milestones.

The Contracting Officer shall retain the acquisition milestone schedule in the contract file and update/revise it to track progress of the acquisition. The milestone schedule signatories (see the *Requirements and Responsibilities* section of the AP—Part V of the table) shall mutually agree to any revisions to the milestone dates that will impact meeting the scheduled award date. Milestone schedule signatories shall report a failure to meet established milestones to a higher level official in accordance with OPDIV procedures.

307.7107 Responsibilities.

The following table summarizes the responsibilities of the various organizations and officials for acquisition planning: